cal care facilities for treatment of tobacco related diseases, losses due to fire hazard, ecological damage due to deforestation and disposal of tobacco related waste on the other hand with a view to making an economic study of the impact of tobacco consumption.

राज्य व्यापार निगम का गैर सरकारीकरण

1111. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने राज्य व्यापार निगम की कार्यशैली और उसके कार्यनिष्पादन की समीक्षा करने और उसमें आवश्यक परिवर्तन करने के संबंध में कोई निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य व्यापार निगम आयातकों/निर्यातकों पर कठोर शर्तें लगा रहा है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप वहां पर बड़े पैमाने पर कदाचार और नियमों का उल्लंघन किया जा रहा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने उक्त निगम के निदेशकों के कार्यनिष्पादन का मूल्यांकन किया है; और

(च) राज्य व्यापार निगम और वाणिज्य संबंधी संसदीय अस्थाई समिति के बीच हुई बैठकों का क्या परिणाम रहा है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) एस०टी०सी० के जरिए अब तक किए जा रहे अनेक मदों के आयात और निर्यात के सरणीयन को समाप्त कर दिए जाने के फलस्वरूप सरकार उदारीकृत अर्थ व्यवस्था और प्रतिस्पर्धी वातावरण के अनुकूल एस०टी०सी० को पुनः पूर्व-स्थिति में लाने की जरूरत की समीक्षा करती रही है। अपने व्यापार क्रिया-कलापों के विस्तार के एक भाग के रूप में खासकर गैर-सरणीकृत क्षेत्र में, एस०टी०सी० द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य-योजनाओं को अपनाकर प्रमुख कार्यक्रमों का विविधिकरण किया जा रहा है:—

—प्रत्यक्ष खरीद एवं बिक्री पर अधिक बल देकर;

—विदेशी विपणन व्यवस्था को सुदृढ़ बनाकर;

—संयुक्त उद्यमों में प्रवेश के जरिए;

—ओ०जी०एल० आयात करके;

—घरेलू व्यापार का विस्तार करके।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) एस०टी०सी० ने वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं और समझौता ज्ञापन के अनुसार एस०टी०सी० के कार्य-निष्पादन की समीक्षा अर्द्ध-वार्षिक आधार पर की जाती है।

(च) स्थायी संसदीय समिति की सिफारिशें एस०टी०सी० और एमएमटीसी का विलय करने और विदेश में इन दोनों संगठनों द्वारा एक की कार्यालय में हिस्सेदारी करने के बारे में थीं। संसदीय समिति के विचारार्थ कृत कार्रवाई का एक उत्तर 23 फरवरी, 1996 को पहले ही राज्य सभा सचिवालय को भेजा जा चुका है।

Per Capita Income in Super Bazar

1112. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita income in the Super Bazar has increased or decreased in 1994-95 as compared to 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) if so, the per capita income in the Super Bazar in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(c) the estimated per capita income in the Super Bazar during the first three months of the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that the per capita income has increased during the year 1994-95 compared to 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(b) The per capita income during the last three years furnished by Super Bazar is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Per capita income
1992-93	0.33
1993-94	0.36
1994-95	0.43

(c) It has been reported by Super Bazar that during the current year (1995-96) the per capita income is estimated to be around Rs. 0.53 lakh.

Frauds and Scams in State Trading Corporation

1113. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations into the frauds and scams reported in State Trading Corporation have been investigated by CBI against IAS and non-IAS officers;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, by what time these are likely to be concluded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) In some cases the investigation has been completed by CBI and are at the stage of trial in different Courts. Some cases have been closed by CBI after investigation. In a few cases, CBI is conducting its investigations.

Harassment of Scientists in Rubber Board

1114. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the administration of Rubber Board has been putting all sorts of impediments in the work of a scientist who has developed a brand new tapping method capable of revolutionising the field of rubber production at no additional cost to the farmers; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Smt. L. Thanakamma of RRII had filed an appeal before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala alleging interference in her work which has not been upheld by the Hon'ble High Court. Smt. Thanakamma had carried out some tapping experiments which were recently evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Committee of RRII and the results were found to be inadequate for eaching any conclusion.

Increasing Operational Cost of FCI

1115. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the operating cost of FCI is on the high side and as a result a large part of food subsidy does not go either to the producers or to the consumers but towards the management of FCI; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken during the last two years to minimise the said expenditure on management and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) FCI procures foodgrains mostly under price support operations whereby the producers stand to gain by payment of assured minimum prices. The economic cost of wheat and rice during 1995-96(RE) is as under:—

Fig. Rs./Qtl.

Element of cost	Wheat	Rice
Pooled cost of grains	351.10	584.60
Procurement incidentals (including mandi charges Arthias Commission cost of gunnies, handling transport at mandi)	84.75	52.98